UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

BILLIE RODRIGUEZ, DANIEL ERWIN, MICHAEL B. ACKERMAN, KYLE FOREMAN, DREW SCRUGGS, MARY KANE MCQUEENY, EMILY THORPE, JENNIFER TRITT, and THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF FORD, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION,
CHEVRON USA INC., CHEVRON PHILLIPS
CHEMICAL COMPANY LP, DUPONT de
NEMOURS INC., CELANESE
CORPORATION, DOW INC., DOW
CHEMICAL COMPANY, EASTMAN
CHEMICAL COMPANY,
LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES, N.V.,
and AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL,

Defendants,

And

STATE OF KANSAS, *ex rel.* KRIS W. KOBACH, Attorney General,

Defendant-Intervenor.

Civil Action No. 4:24-00803

Honorable Stephen R. Bough

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO RULE 12(B)(2)

Defendants Exxon Mobil Corporation, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP, Chevron U.S.A. Inc., DuPont de Nemours, Inc., Celanese Corporation, Dow Inc., The Dow Chemical Company, Eastman Chemical Company, LyondellBasell Industries, N.V., and the American

Chemistry Council (the "**Defendants**"), pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(2), move the Court to dismiss Plaintiffs' public nuisance, consumer protection, unjust enrichment, and state law antitrust claims (Counts 2–46) of Plaintiffs' First Amended Class Action Complaint (Doc. No. 48). In support of this Motion, Defendants incorporate herein and rely upon their Suggestions in Support filed contemporaneously with this Motion.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants respectfully request that the Court dismiss Plaintiffs' public nuisance, consumer protection, unjust enrichment, and state law antitrust claims (Counts 2–46) pursuant to Rule(b)(2) for lack of personal jurisdiction.

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¹ In filing this motion, Defendants do not submit to the personal jurisdiction or venue of this Court.

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